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## **Officers saturate North Wichita to keep drunk drivers off the road**

**What:** DUI Saturation Patrol  
**When:** Saturday, June 18  
**Who:** Wichita Police Department  
**Where:** North Wichita

As an ongoing part of the Wichita Police Department's Traffic Safety Initiative, Officers will be patrolling north Wichita between 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, and 1 a.m. on June 19, in an effort to locate intoxicated drivers. "This program is designed to identify impaired drivers and remove them from our roadways" said Sgt. Chris McAuliffe, Patrol North Bureau.

Officers participating in this enforcement activity will be driving marked police cars with a DUI Task Force sign on the vehicle. Motorists who are suspected of driving under the influence will

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be pulled over and given a field sobriety test, which may be followed by a Breath Alcohol Test. Those drivers found to be over the legal limit of .08 will be arrested.

Wichita has recorded 11 traffic fatalities since the first of the year, with four (36 percent) of those being alcohol or drug related. During the same time period in 2004, Wichita recorded 10 traffic fatalities with five (50 percent) being drug or alcohol related.

This DUI Saturation is just one aspect of the four-prong approach that the Department is using in addressing traffic safety in the city of Wichita. The four aspects of traffic safety include education, enforcement, environment and awareness.

Funding for this enforcement effort was made possible through an Impaired Driver Deterrence Grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation. For more information, please contact Sgt. Chris McAuliffe or Capt. Felecia Norris at Patrol North at 688-9500.